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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BEGIN TOURS NORTHERN ISRAEL

1. AT ITS WEEKLY MEETING AUGUST 7, THE ISRAELI CABINET
DISCUSSED THE VANCE VISIT AND FORMALLY DESIGNATED THE
MINISTERIAL TEAM WHICH WILL MEET WITH THE SECRETARY. THE
GROUP INCLUDES PRIME MINISTER BEGIN, FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN,
DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN, FINANCE MINISTER EHRlich, INTERIOR
MINISTER BURG AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER SHARON.

2. FOLLOWING THE CABINET MEETING, WHICH THE PRESS NOTED
WAS SHORT AND BUSINESS-LIKE, PRIME MINISTER BEGIN TOURED
NORTHERN ISRAEL. HE VISITED THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND THE
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GOOD FENCE AT METULLA. HIS COMMENTS TO JOURNALISTS ARE
WORTH NOTING WITH REGARD TO THREE AREAS: SOUTH LEBANON,
SETTLEMENTS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, AND PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. SOUTH LEBANON. BEGIN REFERRED TO THE CHRISTIANS
IN THE SOUTH AND SAID "WE WILL NEVER LET DOWN THE CHRISTIAN
MINORITY, AND WE WILL NEVER ACQUIESCE IN ANY

ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THEM." HE SAID ISRAEL IS WATCHING THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND THAT THE U.S. AND THE GOI ARE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE STATIONING OF UN FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON.

4. GOLAN SETTLEMENTS. BEGIN INTIMATED THAT PRESS REPORTS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO RETREAT FROM THE PRESENT LINES IN THE GOLAN ARE INACCURATE. AT KESHET AND SHA'AL, BEGIN SAID TO SETTLERS THAT NEWSPAPER REPORTS (OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO GIVE UP THE HEIGHTS) WERE NOT ACCURATE. HE WAS NON-COMMITAL IN RESPONDING TO DIRECT QUESTIONS ABOUT ISRAELI POLICY BUT TOLD THE SETTLERS THEY COULD EXPECT A VERY GOOD FUTURE.

5. PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. BEGIN SAID HE WAS SORRY TO LEARN THAT ASAD HAD DISAPPROVED OF THE PROPOSAL FOR MEETINGS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SAID HE HOPED FOR RECONSIDERATION. "I BELIEVE THAT THE IDEA IS POSITIVE AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT AND ALSO KING HUSAYN WILL TRY TO RECONSIDER THIS IDEA. IT IS BASICALLY GOOD. THEY ARGUE THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE SHOULD BE PREPARED AND HERE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY CONNECTED WITH THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ALL THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED WILL PROBABLY BE IN THE UNITED STATES. THEREFORE,

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MAYBE EVEN BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, I WILL CALL BOTH UPON THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT AND KING HUSAYN TO RECONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL." HE ALSO SAID THAT IF THIS WERE NOT POSSIBLE, OTHER PROPOSALS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. "IF IT IS REJECTED, IF IT DOES NOT MATERIALIZE, WE HAVE NOTHING AGAINST MEETINGS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND OUR FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE ONE HAND AND BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE THREE ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE OTHER."

6. BEGIN WAS ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE SECRETARY'S VISIT HAD NOT BECOME MORE SUBSTANTIVE AND LESS PROCEDURAL. HE DECLINED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN SUBSTANCE AND PROCEDURE AND SAID "THE TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHO WILL ARRIVE HERE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW-- WE WILL SURELY WELCOME HIM WITHOUR BEST TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY--WILL BE ABOUT ALL THE ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE LARGE QUESTION OF HOW AND IN WHAT TO ADVANCE TALKS BETWEEN US AND THE ARAB LEADERS ABOUT THE SIGNING OF A PEACE TREATY. THIS OBJECTIVE OF SIGNING A PEACE TREATY IS TODAY AGREED ON IN WRITING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL. THE UNITED STATES AND

ISRAEL SHOULD NOW THINK TOGETHER ABOUT HOW TO REACH
THESE NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE EXTREMELY VITAL FOR BOTH
US AND THE ARAB STATES."
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